REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification to reference the prior filed applications from which the instant application claims benefit. Applicants respectfully contend that the requirements for submitting such an amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2)(ii) and (a)(3) should be waived because the U.S. PTO has recognized the claim for benefit on both the Filing Receipt and on the cover page of the related U.S. Patent Application Publication (copies of which are attached). Applicants note that the Notice on Claiming the Benefit of Prior-Filed Applications from Deputy Commissioner Stephan Kunin dated February 24, 2003 specifically states that the requirements under 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3)(ii) and (iii) will be waived if the "information concerning the claim was recognized by the Office as shown by its inclusion on the filing receipt."

Claims 1-34 are pending in the instant application. The Examiner has stated that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. The compounds and compositions according to Claims 1-8; and
- II. The methods of treating according to Claim 9-34.

Applicants elect the inventions of Group I.

Applicants respectfully contend that Claims 1-8 as filed are allowable and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. Moreover applicants reserve to right to file divisional applications with respect to the non-elected subject matter (Group II). If a telephonic communication with Applicant's representative will aid in the advancement of the prosecution of this application, please telephone the representative indicated below.

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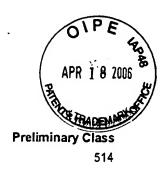
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